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RE: Maureen Woodson

Dear Judge Sippel,

I first met Maureen Woodson in 1979 when I became the District Supervisor of the North St Louis City office of the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole. Maureen was a member of the clerical staff and a friend of Donna Thompson. She was a knowledgeable, smart member of the staff who Donna Thompson, as Clerical Supervisor, had come to depend upon to keep the office's clerical responsibilities functioning. As my friendship developed with Donna Thompson after I left that office, it likewise developed with Maureen.

Starting around 2003, my wife and I had contact with Maureen and Donna Thompson in social situations that usually revolved around retired ex-employees. We became closer friends who shared past work and parenting experiences. Over the past few years, we have developed a routine of monthly informal meetings for meals at restaurants to catch up on the happening in each other's families and lives.

Maureen and I had talked about her work and her trips to the casinos, but I had no sense that her gambling had become an addiction. I was shocked when Maureen informed of what she had done that led to her arrest and charges. She has told me of her embarrassment and regret for her actions, and she has explained the steps she has taken to address her gambling addiction. In our talks since her arrest, Maureen has never tried to minimize her illegal behavior, or her responsibility for her actions. I believe she would be successful if released under court supervision.

Sincerely,



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